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MRS. ROBERTS, UM'S RTO,  
ORGANIZES WORKSHOP

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Each day that a young child goes to school he should be made to feel as if a great deal of care has been taken to welcome him, a child development authority said recently, according to Mrs. Janet Roberts, Regional Training Officer of Head Start at the University of Montana.

Dr. James L. Hymes Jr. spoke at the two-day Early Childhood Workshop to 106 teachers, administrators and interested parents, said Mrs. Roberts, workshop organizer.

Dr. Hymes said that it is natural for young children to be restless and noisy. The young should not be forced to obey strict rules they don't understand, he said.

Although children of preschool and early-grade ages give the illusions of being confident and independent, said Dr. Hymes, the children know they are dependent upon older people. "This age (group) needs unconditional love with no payments on it," Mrs. Roberts quoted Dr. Hymes as saying.

Play is the "single most important activity" for a child, Dr. Hymes said, referring to play as the "magnificent beginning to thinking."

He said the young child is self motivated and teachers should firmly believe in the child's curiosity. He said that a child comes into the world ignorant, but he doesn't want to stay that way.

Mrs. Roberts said Dr. Hymes challenged the teachers to question whether classrooms lend themselves to curiosity. He said that the classroom should be a storeroom of special learning materials.

Parents should increase "input" into the schools, and observe classes and work as volunteers in the classroom so that they understand the child's learning process better, Dr. Hymes said.

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